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1. At a conference held at the Ministry of the Interior on [redacted] it was stated that the KVP Designs office was to move from the Markgrafstrasse at Friedrichsfelde-Ost to Neuenstrasse in Berlin, next to the Comic Opera and opposite to a wing of the Ministry of the Interior. Previously, this wing had housed the Political Department of the Ministry of the Interior.

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2. [redacted] the Bau Union Nordost was ordered to complete work on the projects assigned to it by [redacted] Bau Union Nordost is scheduled to be deactivated by late 1953. Work not completed by Bau Union Nordost was to be taken over by Bau Union Sued and Bau Union Kueste. [redacted] personnel of the two Bau Unionen mentioned were already in Torgelow in order to take over the workers of Bau Union Nordost and the machinery available at the construction sites of this Bau Union. 2

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5. There were only minor changes as to the status of Installations I through X. Work on Installation IV was completed. The barracks buildings of Installations VI and IX already quartered KVP units including tank troops. All above-ground construction work scheduled for 1953 had been completed. Only some standardized houses were still being erected. 3

4. There was no change in the personnel of Oberbaustab Eggesin prior to [redacted] [redacted] Work to be done by the Oberbaustab was decreased on [redacted] It was mentioned that the construction projects scheduled to be erected along the coast might be put off for political reasons. Furthermore the possibility was voiced that Oberbaustab Eggesin might be taken over by the Ministry of the Interior and that the personnel of the Oberbaustab would then be issued VP uniforms.

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5. [redacted] the following information on personnel charged with FVP construction work:

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State Secretary Mayer (fnu), Ministry of the Interior;  
 Captain Giersch (fnu), adjutant to Mayer;  
 Colonel Praessler (fnu), chief of the Construction Department at the  
 Ministry of the Interior;  
 Lieutenant Stark (fnu), adjutant to Praessler;  
 Lieutenant Colonel Koehler (fnu), in charge of finances at the  
 Construction Department;  
 Major Franz (fnu), deputy to Koehler;  
 Major Tollmann (fnu), in charge of transportation at the Construction  
 Department;  
 Lieutenant Colonel Koegler (fnu), chief of Oberbaustab Eggesin.

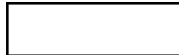
6. [redacted] the following information on the [redacted] 25X1  
 [redacted] status of KVP construction projects [redacted] 25X1

Installation/Unit	Money Allocated (In 1,000 Eastmarks)	Money Spent
Pasewalk	[redacted]	
VP Hospital at Pasewalk		
Stallberg		
Prenzlau		
Pinzow		
Droegheheide		
Eggesin		
Karpen		
Spechtberg		
Altwarz		
Jaegerbrueck		
Raum Prenzlau,		
Prora		
Erfurt		
Gotha		
Muehlhausen		
Gera		
Sternbuchholz		

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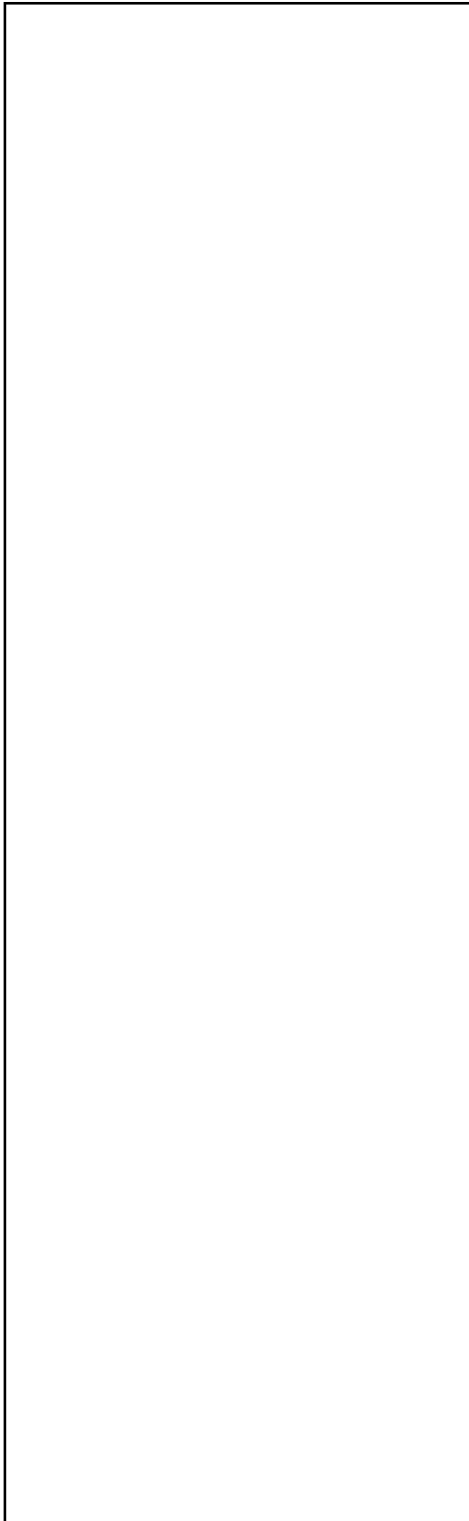
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Schwerin  
Glowen  
Kluesz  
Fuenfeichen  
Hohenstuecken  
Rostock  
Trennitz  
Rathenow  
Kirchmoeser  
Halle  
Klietz  
Burg  
Baerenstein  
Frossen  
Grossenhain  
Loebau  
Zeithain  
Doberlug  
Pirna  
Dresden  
Zittau  
Niederlehme  
Zossen  
Mittenwalde  
Torgau  
Wolfsruh  
Kuechensee  
Leipzig  
Frankenberg

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Weissenfels

Naumburg

Biesdorf (housing construction work)

Biesdorf (school)

Oranienburg

Bad Saarow (hospital)

"Elbe"-Neubrandenburg

The money was allocated for the construction of quarters, administrative and utility buildings, garages, officer billets, roads, water supply and drainage facilities. 4

7. In connection with the current transfer of KVP construction projects from the Construction Department of the Ministry of the Interior to the Quartiernutzung, the following installations were inspected by a joint commission of the two agencies involved:

Sternbuchholz, occupied by a tank unit, allegedly a division, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Schroeder who had temporarily been stationed in Oranienburg. Schroeder declared that the morale of the unit was very poor because the soldiers were only assigned fatigue duties, guard missions and given political training. The soldiers were demanding training with weapons. 5

Leipzig, all construction projects scheduled to be executed in 1953 were completed.

Weissenfels, the installation quartered an infantry and an artillery regiment which had allegedly only recently arrived from Prora. The morale of the soldiers was also rather poor. 6

Erfurt, [ ] the KVP installations in Erfurt-Steiger, Erfurt-Petersberg and in the Erfurt area such as at Muehlhausen were turned over to the KVP. The Petersberg installation quartered an officer school whose members showed good military bearing. 7

Burg, [ ] the installation, which was located at a distance of about 8 km east of the highway to Zerbst, was taken over by the KVP. The installation, allegedly, was a former German army depot, where a semi-permanent quartering building with a capacity of 500 to 700 men had been newly constructed. The installation allegedly quartered a tank regiment equipped with T-34 tanks. 8

8. Prior to [ ] the Construction Department of the Ministry of the Interior was still functioning in its previous personnel strength. After the transfer of all construction projects to the Quartiernutzung, the Construction Department was to take charge of Bau Union Sued and Bau Union Kueste. The control of technical and financial matters had already been transferred to the Quartiernutzung, which was making plans for construction projects to be executed in 1954. [ ] no personnel of the Construction Department of the Ministry of the Interior was taken over by the Quartiernutzung, which continuously hired new and young employees.

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9. Bau Union Nordost was being deactivated. This process was to be completed by [redacted]. The Bau Union had a deficit of more than 8,000,000 eastmarks. All construction projects in the Prenzlau area were to be taken over by Bau Union Sued. 2

10. Effective [redacted], construction projects for the VP-Air and VP-Sea were turned over by the Construction Department of the Ministry of the Interior to corresponding departments of the VP-Air and VP-Sea. KVP construction projects were transferred to the Quartiernutzungsamt effective [redacted]. Since about late September, [redacted] that VP-Air units have officially been referred to as "Aero-Club". [redacted] did not learn that this re-designation was officially ordered. 9

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11. [redacted] Bau Union Nordost was to complete the buildings for which contracts had been placed prior to 30 September. Accounts were to be settled by the same date. Bau Union Kueste was henceforth to execute all VP-Air construction projects along the Baltic Sea coast and all KVP construction projects in the area north of Berlin, while Bau Union Sued was to be put in charge of VP-Air construction projects and KVP construction projects south of Berlin. In connection with this reorganization three special commissions officially designated Sued, Kueste and Ministry of the Interior, were formed. The dissolution of Bau Union Nordost was allegedly caused by faulty financial planning. 2

12. [redacted] Sections A, B, C and D of Installation VIII at Karpin were scheduled to be taken over by the Quartiernutzungsamt by [redacted]. Section E was to be taken over at a later date. About 80 percent of all construction projects executed by former Bau Union Nordost had been turned over to the Quartiernutzungsamt.

13. [redacted] at the former Bau Union Nordost that work on an additional construction project for which a sum of 6,000,000 eastmarks had been allocated was to be started in the area of Armeegruppe Nord after [redacted]. This additional construction program involves the completion of roads, the construction of fences around KVP installations, the improvement of garage installations, the construction of water supply and drainage facilities, the construction of so-called culture houses at all KVP installations, shops, kindergartens and schools as well as of three quartering buildings at Installation X in Altwarp. 25X1

14. On 8 October, Installations VII, VIII, IX, X and probably also III were handled by Bau Union Kueste, while Installations I, II, IV, V and VI were handled by Bau Union Sued.

15. The deactivation of Bau Union Nordost induced many employees of the firm to look for other jobs, so it appeared doubtful [redacted] whether the liquidation of the Bau Union involved would be completed by 31 December as scheduled. The technical manager of Bau Union Nordost was replaced by Gerhard Graf. Due to a shortage of skilled labor, it appeared doubtful whether the target dates set for construction projects executed by Bau Union Kueste and Bau Union Sued would be kept in the fourth quarter of 1953. 25X1

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25X1 16. [ ] the water supply and drainage facilities of all construction projects in the area of former Bau Union Nordost were put in operation. Housing projects were scheduled to be completed by [ ] 25X1

25X1 17. [ ] large-scale construction projects were scheduled to be executed in the area of Armeegruppe Nord. The new construction program included the building of barracks installations and supply depots. Much construction work would also be done in Torgelow.

25X1 1. [ ] Comment. The Political Administration of the Ministry of the Interior moved to Berlin-Johannisthal. The main building of the Ministry of the Interior/Civil Section is located on Glinka Strasse, while the Ministry of the Interior/KVP is located on Schneller Strasse, in a building previously occupied by the Bureau of Economic Affairs.

25X1 2. [ ] Comment. Information on the deactivation of Bau Union Nordost and the assignment of its missions to Bau Union Kueste and Bau Union Sued was transmitted previously.

25X1 3. [ ] Comment. Construction Projects I through XII of Armeegruppe Nord are located as follows and involve the following construction work:

- I, Pasewalk, improvement of the former Kuersassier Kaserne.
- II, Stallberg, construction of a new barracks installation for artillery units.
- III, KdF-Bad Prora, improvement of existing buildings and construction of new buildings.
- IV, Prenzlau, construction of barracks installations at the airfield.
- V, Pinnow, construction of additional buildings.
- VI, Droegeheide, construction of new barracks buildings for component units of Bereitschaft Prenzlau.
- VII, Eggesin, construction of quartering buildings for Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin.
- VIII, Karpau, construction of new barracks buildings for Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin.
- IX, Spechtberg, construction of new barracks buildings for tank units of Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin.
- X, Altwarp, construction of barracks buildings for Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin.
- XI, Gumnitz, supply depot.
- XII, Jaegerbrueck, firing range.

25X1 4. [ ] Comment. This list provides almost complete information on KVP military posts in existence. According to other reports, Baerenstein is no longer occupied by a KVP unit. Zossen is reported for the first time as being the post of a KVP unit. The "Elbe" project in Neubrandenburg refers to the construction of a new tank repair shop.

25X1 5. [ ] Comment. According to information available [ ] an Infantry Kommando of Bereitschaft Schwerin and not a tank unit is stationed at Sternbuchholz. Major Schroeder was previously known as being the commanding officer of this unit. 25X1






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- 25X1 6.  Comment. The transfer of units from Prora to Weissenfels was previously reported by KVP defectors. The units involved are subordinate to Bereitschaft Halle.
- 25X1 7.  Comment. An infantry Kommando and an engineer battalion which are assigned to Bereitschaft Erfurt are located in Muehlhausen.
- 25X1 8.  Comment. The tank Kommando in Burg is assigned to Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam.
- 25X1 9.  Comment. The use of the code designation "Aero Club" for VFL units was also reported 
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